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USDOT Number:	2057020	Company Type:	CARRIER	Status:	ACTIVE
Legal Name:	BOWERS SIGNATURE SERVICES				
Physical Address:	301 EAST A AVENUE, EASLEY, SC 29640				

Registration	Safety Audit	Questions	
Safety Audit Date:	03/29/2011	Form No:	867073
Safety Audit Type:	NEW ENTRANT	Safety Audit Location:	COMPANY FACILITY IN U.S.

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Acknowledgements (person interviewed during this Safety Audit)			
Name:	MARILYN W BOWERS	Title:	PRESIDENT
Received by:	MARILYN W BOWERS	Title:	PRESIDENT
SI Code:	SC0163	Principal Safety Investigator:	JACK D. JENNINGS
Assistant SI Code:		Assistant Safety Investigator:	

1. Does Passenger Vehicle transport more than 15 passengers, including driver?	YES - INTERSTATE
2. Does carrier transport placardable quantities of HM?	

Special Studies									
Special Studies 1:		Special Studies 2:		Special Studies 3:		Special Studies 4:		Special Studies 5:	

Driver Data		
	Interstate	Intrastate
Drivers within 100-mile radius:	1	11
Drivers beyond 100-mile radius:	0	0
Average Number of Trip-Leased Drivers Per Month:		
Total Drivers (computed field):	12	

Fitness (within the prior 365 days...)							
Total Miles:	170000	Total Recordable Crashes:	0	Total Preventable Recordable Crashes:	0	Recordable Crashes/Million Miles (computed field):	0

From Carrier Review (Site Check)			
Number of Out of Service Vehicles:	0	Number of Vehicles Inspected:	0

From MCMIS (Carrier Profile)			
Number of Out of Service Vehicles:	0	Number of Vehicles Inspected:	0

Combined	
Out of Service Vehicle Rate (computed field):	0

Explanation of Scoring Methodology					
Factor	Failed Questions		Performance Test Status	Total Points	Factor Status
	Critical	Acute			
1. General	0	1	-	1.5	PASS
2. Driver	1	1	-	2.5	PASS
3. Operations	0	0	-	0	PASS
4. Maintenance	1	0	PASS	1	PASS
5. Hazardous Materials	0	0	-	0	NOT APPLICABLE
6. Accidents			PASS - 0		PASS
SUM	2	2		5	FAIL

Gross Revenue:	\$377,000	For Year Ending:	12/31/2010
Remarks			

Bowers Signature Services, USDOT #2057020 is owned and controlled by Marilyn W Bowers (President). Bowers Signature Services, MC #720036 is an authorized for hire interstate motor carrier that transports passengers on interstate commerce. L&I; Empire Fire & Marine Insurance Company, policy #CL317079, coverage \$1,000,000, effective date 2/22/2010, BIPD/Excess; American Guarantee & Liability Insurance Company, policy #UMB9062144-01, coverage \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, effective date 2/22/2010. Carrier operates passengers buses 16+ (19 Max) requiring \$5,000,000. Marilyn W Bowers (President) stated that this would be corrected immediately. Bowers Signature Services has one location at 301 East A Avenue Easley, SC 29640. Carrier's annual gross income as reported on 12/31/2010 was \$377,000.00. The mileage since receiving its operating authority is 178,000 miles. The mileage for its interstate operation was 680 miles. This carrier is hoping to expand its interstate operation in near future. The Federal Tax Identification number for Bowers Signature Services is 27-2996171 (EIN). Marilyn W Bowers (President) was the only company official interviewed and all documents obtained in this investigation came from her. This carrier operates with four CMV bus 16-19 passengers that could be used in interstate commerce and five CMV vans 9-15 passengers used only in its intrastate operation. Carrier uses Bowers Signature Fleet for repairs and maintenance. Bowers Signature Fleet will be performing periodic inspections (annual) on all vehicles in future.

This new entrant safety audit was conducted as a result of the carrier being identified on the MCMIS new entrant safety audit list. This company has had no prior safety audits. According to Marilyn W Bowers (President) there

were no accident claims against the carrier's insurance policy since receiving its operating authority. Carrier was provided with information from the ETA packet part 390 and time was taken to explain. Carrier was aware of the FMCSA website and its use; however, features of the website including forms, regulations, financial responsibility (part 387) were shown. Carrier was provided with information from the ETA packet part 390.

This carrier made every indication they wanted to comply with all the FMCS regulations. The carrier stated they would contact other sources to assist them to come into compliance. Each section of the safety audit was discussed in great detail and all violations discovered during this investigation were discussed sequence-by-sequence with Marilyn W Bowers (President). Carrier was provided with information from the ETA packet on all sections. Bowers Signature Services has one interstate driver and eleven intrastate drivers. CDLIS licensing check was conducted on all drivers thru CDLIS Query. Richard L Scott, SC license #008147914 was used in sampling record selection tables for each part

(Part 391) Carrier's application for employment was incomplete and file missing safety performance history record request. Information and forms needed to complete a driver qualification file were provided.

(Part 382) Carrier has not performed any alcohol or controlled substance test in accordance with 49 CFR part 40 or part 382. Extra time was taken to discuss part 382 and carrier was provided with pamphlet "Best Practices For DOT Random Drug And Alcohol Testing" and the SC Commercial Drivers License Drug Testing Act (section 56-1-2220). Marilyn W Bowers stated that Bowers Signature Services would comply immediately with 49 CFR parts 40 and 382.

(Part 395) Carrier was able to produce requested records of duty status. Carrier has made only one interstate trip requiring a duty status log. Hours of service rules as applicable to a passenger operation were covered and carrier was provided with copy of Interstate Passenger Carrying Drivers Guide to Hours of Service. Examples of passenger duty status logs and information on time records were also provided.

(Part 392) No violations discovered in this section.

(Part 396) Carrier was able to produce a vehicle maintenance file on vehicle used in interstate commerce. Carrier does have inspections completed on a regular schedule; however carrier does not require a periodic inspection to be performed as required. Time was taken to explain part 396.17. Marilyn W Bowers (President) stated that all CMV vehicles would be inspected as required immediately. Only one CMV vehicle has operated in interstate commerce. Daily vehicle inspections (DVIR's) were explained (part 396.11(a)). Marilyn W Bowers (President) stated that DVIRS would be completed on all vehicles starting immediately. Carrier was provided with information on CSA.

The result of the safety audit for Bowers Signature Services was fail; their crash rate is 0% recordable accidents and motor carrier profile showed no inspections. Carrier was given the Safety Audit Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and instructed on what action the carrier needed to take.

Marilyn W Bowers (President) was hospitable and friendly. This carrier is concerned with being in compliance with the FMCSR. The carrier indicated that the company would continue to improve and follow the FMCSR and maintain acceptable standards of operations. After the safety audit Marilyn W Bowers (President) was asked if she had any questions, she stated no. Carrier was given my business card and told if I could be of any further assistance please call.

Action:	CORRECTIVE ACTION	Approval Date: 07/28/2011
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Options for this Company




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	USDOT# 2057020	Legal: BOWERS SIGNATURE SERVICES					
	Operating (DBA):						
MC/MX #: 720036		State #:		Feder			
Review Type: Safety Audit – New Entrant			Location of Review/Audit: Company Facility in the U.S.				
Scope: Entire Operation			Territory:				
Operation Types		Interstate	Intrastate				
Carrier:	Non-HM	N/A					
Shipper:	N/A	N/A					
Cargo Tank:	N/A						
		Business: Partnership					
		Gross Revenue: \$377000	for year ending: 12/31/2010				
Company Physical Address:							
301 EAST A AVENUE EASLEY, SC 29640, UNITED STATES							
Contact Name: Marilyn W Bowers							
Phone numbers: (1) 8642697888		(2) 8648847859			Fax 8648599227		
E-Mail Address: marilyn@bowerssignature.com							
Company Mailing Address:							
301 EAST A AVENUE EASLEY, SC 29640, UNITED STATES							
Carrier Classification							
Authorized for Hire; Private Passenger, Business							
Cargo Classification							
Passengers							
Does carrier transport placardable quantities of HM? No							
Is an HM Permit required? No							
Driver Information							
	Inter	Intra	Average trip leased drivers/month: 0				
< 100 Miles:	1	11	Total Drivers: 12				
>= 100 Miles:	0	0	CDL Drivers: 12				
Equipment							
	Owned	Term Leased	Trip Leased		Owned	Term Leased	Trip Leased
Minibus, 16+	4	0	0	Van, 9-15	5	0	0
Power units used in the U.S.:		9					
Percentage of time used in the U.S.:		100					